

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Chair Essmann
Rep. Ehli
Rep. G. Hertz
Rep. Lavin

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 209, 1/13/2017; HB 215, 1/13/2017

HEARING ON HB 209**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:59 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 209, Extend funding to Coal Board.

Proponents:

00:04:23 Bud Clinch, Executive Director of the Montana Coal Council (MCC)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a02\)](#)

00:09:55 Alan Olsen, Self

00:11:03 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County, City of Colstrip, Musselshell County

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a03\)](#)

Opponents:

00:15:51 Doug Mitchell, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Informational Witnesses:

00:18:12 Bud Clinch, Dave Galt, Montana Association of Coal, Oil and Gas Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:02 Rep. Fern

00:21:48 Bud Clinch, MCC

00:22:26 Rep. White

00:24:00 Bud Clinch, MCC

00:24:20 Rep. Dunwell

00:25:18 Rep. Usher

00:26:54 Rep. Beard

00:27:27 Rep. Usher

00:27:49 Rep. Hamilton

00:31:38 Bud Clinch, MCC

00:32:03 Rep. Fern

00:33:10 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:33:44 Rep. Abbott

00:34:02 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:35:16 Rep. Kipp III

00:36:00 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:36:36 Rep. Kipp III

00:37:25 Rep. B. Smith

00:37:40 Bud Clinch, MCC

00:38:05 Rep. Dunwell

00:38:28 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:39:43 Rep. Jacobson

00:41:41 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:41:48 Rep. Beard

00:43:58 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:45:23 Rep. Fern

00:46:51 Doug Mitchell, COM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:36 Rep. Usher

HEARING ON HB 215

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:00 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 215, Revise oil and gas tax laws.

EXHIBIT(tah14a04)

Proponents:

01:00:02 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
01:01:41 Ella Smith, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
01:04:19 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon
01:07:03 Duane Catlett, Self

Opponents:

01:14:15 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:20:17 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County, Rosebud County, City of Glendive
01:29:11 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources Company

Informational Witnesses:

01:31:14 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (MDOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:45 Rep. Z. Brown
01:34:20 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County, Rosebud County, City of Glendive
01:35:02 Rep. Redfield
01:35:44 Rep. Dunwell
01:36:49 Rep. Redfield
01:37:05 Rep. Beard
01:37:33 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:38:07 Rep. Fern
01:38:51 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:40:07 Rep. Welch
01:40:25 Kory Hofland, MDOR
01:41:00 Rep. White
01:42:58 Rep. Dunwell
01:43:43 Rep. White
01:44:57 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:49:46 Rep. A. Hertz
01:50:00 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources Company
01:51:46 Rep. Abbott
01:52:07 Ella Smith, NPRC
01:52:45 Rep. Jacobson
01:54:17 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources Company
01:54:26 Rep. Kipp III
01:56:39 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:57:59 Rep. Hamilton
01:58:40 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association

01:59:15 Rep. Fern
02:00:33 Kory Hofland, MDOR
02:00:53 Rep. Fern
02:01:43 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources Company

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:05 Rep. Dunwell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:50

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah14aad.pdf](#))